

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A shaft seal assembly comprising:

a case having a radial portion generally disposed in a plane, said radial portion having an innermost free end disposed in said plane;

an elastomeric seal body molded to the case;

an elastomeric lip portion extending from the seal body, a first end of said elastomeric lip portion originating adjacent a hinge portion; and

a polymeric liner bonded along its full length to the elastomeric lip portion, said first end of the lip portion and a portion of the liner extending over at least a portion of the radial portion of the case, the entire polymeric liner being movable with the elastomeric lip portion about the hinge portion toward and away from the case, wherein the polymeric liner is free from any radial contact with the case.

2. (previously presented) The shaft seal assembly specified in claim 1 wherein:

the case includes the radial portion having a length;

the elastomeric seal body includes a radial portion having a length less than the length of the radial portion of the case; and

the elastomeric lip portion extends over at least a portion of the length of the radial portion of the case.

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